

**American Association for Agricultural Education  
North Central Region Conference  
Business Meeting  
Saturday, September 23, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. A review of the agenda was led by Vice President Tracy Hoover (Penn State). It was moved by Steve Harbstreit (Kansas State) to approve the minutes of the 2005 business meeting, seconded by Jon Ulmer (Missouri). Unanimous approval.

Dennis Scanlon (Penn State) delivered a report on election of leadership positions. He reported the following nominations.

Alternate Vice-President: Greg Miller (Iowa State) and Neil Knobloch (Illinois). Secretary/Treasurer: Andy Baker (Western Illinois).

Member Services Committee: Debbie Boone (West Virginia) and Connie Baggett (Penn State).

Professional Development Committee: Jason Scales (Central Missouri State), Rama Radhakrishna (Penn State), and Kristina Ricketts (Penn State).

Program Improvement Committee: Richard Joerger (Minnesota), John Ewing (Penn State), and Jacklyn Bruce (Penn State).

Research Committee: Michael Retallick (Iowa State), Brad Greiman (Minnesota) and Jennifer Rivera (Michigan State).

Journal of Agricultural Education Editing & Managing Board: Levon Esters (Iowa State).

Additional nominations were solicited from the floor. Moved by Mark Baldschweid (Purdue) that nominations be closed, seconded by Roger Tormoehlen (Purdue). Motion passed.

Due to institutional change (Illinois to Florida) treasurer Anna Ball was not present to deliver an official treasurer's report and audit report. To facilitate planning of the 2006 conference, Iowa State coordinator, Bob Martin, had established a separate account to handle income and expenditures. Upon settlement of the 2006 conference financial affairs, it was agreed that Martin, vice president Bell, and the newly elected secretary/treasurer, in communication with Anna Ball, will conduct a financial audit and report to the region.

The professional development committee, chair Dennis Scanlon, recommended that future conference professional development activities alternate on a rotational basis between research, teaching and outreach. They further recommended for the 2007 conference in Missouri that the development activity be on the topic of experiential leadership training, and that undergraduates be included in the session. The University of Missouri faculty will plan and conduct the session.

The member services committee, chair Debby Boone, recommended: (1) to the research committee that page numbers be added to the papers in the Proceedings for proper referencing, (2) regional research proceedings be posted to the regional

section of the AAAE web-site, and (3) that the regional member services committee maintain a list of regional award winners. Chair for 2006/2007 will be Clark Harris (Kansas State).

The program improvement committee, chair Jacklyn Bruce, recommended to initiate an acceptance (rate) procedure for posters. Travis Park (Cornell) will serve as chair for 2006/2007.

The research committee report, presented by Brad Greiman, recommended formation of a Research Impact Abstracts sub-committee to be chaired by Neil Knobloch with members Levon Esters, Rama Radhakrishna, Jennifer Rivera and Roger Tormoehlen. It was announced that the 2008 NCAERC would be coordinated by the University of Nebraska, and that Dann Husmann and Lloyd Bell would serve as co-chairs. The Research Committee chair for 2006-2007 will be Levon Esters, and the co-chair will be Mike Retallick.

Steve Harbstreit moved acceptance of standing committee reports, seconded by Jacklyn Bruce. Motion passed.

Tracy Hoover delivered the AAAE National Report and The National Council for Ag Ed Report for Bill Camp (Cornell). Highlights of the National AAAE Report included:

- 102 faculty and 40 graduate students registered for the most recent AAAE meeting in Charlotte, N.C. May 17 -19, 2006.
- Pre-session workshop was officially renamed Professional Development Workshop and will henceforth be a component of the general conference.
- 18 Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings and 4 standing committee meetings were conducted.
- A total of \$4750 was raised by conference hosts through various sponsors, and the North Central region has been challenged to meet that amount next year in Minneapolis.
- New AAAE logo was approved and unveiled.
- 2006/2007 President is Jacque Deeds (Mississippi State).
- 2007 National Conference will be May 16-18 in Minneapolis, MN.

Highlights from The National Council Report included:

- Current President is Brad Schloesser, Agribusiness Educator, South Central College, North Mankato, MN.
- Current "Core Initiatives" underway, and responsible individuals, are:
- National Curriculum Framework Task Force, Joel Larsen, Minnesota Dept of Education, Roseville, MN.
- Project 10x15, Doug Loudenslager, National FFA, Indianapolis, IN.
- Online Ag Ed Learning Center, Kent Schescke, National FFA Foundation.
- National Curriculum Standards, David Hall, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Helena, MT.
- National Quality Indicators for Secondary Ag Ed, Steve Brown, Missouri FFA Executive Secretary, Jefferson City, MO. and Richard Norris, St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO.

Report approvals moved by Andy Baker, seconded by Jon Ulmer. Motion passed.

Will Waidelich, Division Director for Research, Development & Sponsored Programs at National FFA, provided an FFA Update. Highlights from his update included:

- 50% of funding for continued support of the LifeKnowledge project has been achieved.
- Review of the recent LifeKnowledge Omega Conference for teacher educators.
- Initiative to partner with AAAE on research activities and dissemination of results.
- Seeking ways to partner with teacher education to support innovative project ideas.

Bob Martin provided an overview on the planning and final attendance for the 2006 NC Region AAAE conference. He reported that an all-time high of 125 faculty, graduate and undergraduate students from 17 universities registered for this year's conference. He offered the advice of registration deadlines as an aid to planning efforts, central material compilation by the host school, and to begin planning "early" well in advance of the conference dates.

Greg Miller provided a brief report addressing activity of the Journal of Agricultural Education Managing Board. An ethics policy was approved this past year and can be accessed online at the Journal homepage. He reported the vacancy of two North Central Region representative positions to the Journal Editorial Review Board. Interested individuals should notify either Greg Miller or Rama Radhakrishna. Greg extended special gratitude to the assistance he has received from Jennifer Hoyer, associate editor, during his term as Journal editor.

Neil Knobloch issued an announcement of the 2006 CTE Research and Professional Development Conference, November 27-30 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis. This year's conference theme is, "Advancing the Scholarship of CTE through Discovery, Engagement, and Integration".

Poster session awards were presented by Jacklyn Bruce. There were 19 posters presented. Six were recognized as outstanding, 3 each in both the innovative idea and research category.

#### Outstanding Innovative Ideas Posters

1. Competitive Professional Development: Everyone Wins! by Travis D. Park (Cornell University), Terry Hughes (State University of New York-Cobleskill), Shari Lighthall & Eileen Jensen (Cornell University)
2. Instructional Methods and Laboratory Safety in Agricultural Mechanics: A Crash Course for Student Teachers by Greg Miller (Iowa State University) & Jon K. Davis (Gilbert Community Schools)

3. Ideas for Developing and Testing Questionnaires/Instruments by Rama B. Radhakrishna (The Pennsylvania State University)

#### Outstanding Research Posters

1. Institutional Factors and Characteristics Which May Impact Recruitment In Colleges of Agriculture (COAs) by Stephanie Shertzer & Tracy Hoover (The Pennsylvania State University)
2. A Comparison of Youth Leadership Needs by Agriculture Students and Their Teachers by James C. Anderson II, Jonathan Ulmer, & Robert M. Torres (University of Missouri-Columbia)
3. AgrAbility Program: Saving Farms and Helping Farmers to Stay in Farming by Connie D. Baggett, Rama B. Radhakrishna, & Linda M. Fetzer (The Pennsylvania State University)

Research session awards were presented by Brad Greiman. Dr. Neil A. Knobloch edited the Proceedings and served as the Research Program Co-Chair along with Dr. Anna L. Ball prior to her joining the faculty of the University of Florida. Kara S. Butters (University of Illinois) served as the Research Conference Assistant. 18 research papers were presented, and the following 3 were recognized as outstanding paper presentations.

#### Outstanding Research Paper Presentations

1. The Employability Skill Constructs Needed by Entry-Level Graduates, as Perceived by Graduates and Supervisors by J. Shane Robinson (University of Kentucky) & Bryan L. Garton (University of Missouri-Columbia)
2. Relationship of Preferred Leadership Style, Gender, Teaching Experience, and Academic Degree of Agricultural Education Teachers by Bradley C. Greiman, Leah S. Addington (University of Minnesota), Timothy G. Larson (Medford High School), & Keith R. Olander (Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School)
3. Cognitive Behaviors Exhibited by Secondary Agriculture Teachers by Jonathan D. Ulmer & Robert M. Torres (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Dennis Scanlon provided the following leadership election results:

Positon		Term expires
• Alternate Vice President	Greg Miller	2010
• Secretary/Treasurer	Andy Baker	2008
• Journal Editing & Mgt Board 2009	Levon Esters	

Committees		Terms expire
• Member Services	Debbie Boone	2008
	Connie Baggett	2008
• Professional Development	Rama Radhakrishna	2008
	Kristina Ricketts	2008
• Program Improvement	John Ewing	2008
	Jacklyn Bruce	2008
• Research Committee	Michael Retallick	2008
	Brad Greiman	2008

During discussion of the new business item, 2007 conference locations and dates, Dennis Scanlon moved that annually the conference host institution also coordinate and plan the undergraduate student meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Rivera. Unanimous approval. The 2007 host institution for the NC AAE Conference will be the University of Missouri. The dates of the conference will be September 27-29, 2007. The 2007 NC AERC will be coordinated and planned by Cornell. The 2008 NC AAE Conference host will be Cornell, and the NC AERC will be coordinated and planned by Nebraska.

A second item of new business, the acceptance procedure for selection of poster entries, was brought forward by Jacklyn Bruce from a recommendation of the Program Improvement Committee. After discussion, and acceptance of a friendly amendment from Dennis Scanlon, Jacklyn moved that, "Based on a set of selection guidelines and rubric issued by the Program Improvement Committee, a poster must amass at least 80% of the possible point total for exhibit acceptance. Once posters meeting this criteria have been selected, available space will determine further acceptance." Seconded by Jon Ulmer. Motion passed.

Incoming Vice President, Lloyd Bell, on behalf of the North Central Region membership, recognized the professional service contribution provided by Tracy Hoover as 2004-2006 NC AAE Vice President.

Adjournment.